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THE UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY.

Sole Agents for the UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LTD. LONDON. DODWELL, CARLILL & Co. General Agents.

THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1880.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....Yen 12,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....10,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....6,960,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.

Kobe NEW YORK.
LONDON LYONS.
SAN FRANCISCO HONOLULU.
BOMBAY SHANGHAI.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
PARRS' BANK, LD.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.

HONGKONG AGENCY—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "
S. CHOI, Agent.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1898. [382]
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£800,000
RESERVE FUND.....£450,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
" 6 " 3 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [31]
IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 17th NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Taels.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....3,500,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies.

CANTON HANKOW.
CHEFOO PEKING.
CHINKIANG SWATOW.
FOOCHOW TIENTSIN.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities.
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
3 1/2 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
4 1/2 " " 6 " "
5 1/2 " " 12 " "

E. W. RUTTER, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [1237]
THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital.....£1,000,000
Paid up Capital.....£324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shing, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
Chief Manager
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per Cent. per Annum.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [8]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$9,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman.
R. M. GRAY, Deputy Chairman.
C. Beermann, Esq.
David Gubbay, Esq. A. J. Raymond, Esq.
A. Haupt, Esq. P. Sachs, Esq.
R. H. Hill, Esq. E. Shewan, Esq.
A. McConachy, Esq. N. A. Shebs, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTRY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 1/2 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [9]
HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

JAPAN, &c.....Malacca*.....R. T. L. Cook, R.N.R. About 22nd Dec. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c.....Coromandel F. N. Tillard.....Noon, 24th Dec. Freight or Passage.

JAPAN.....Rohilla*.....S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R. About 24th Dec. Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI.....Chusan.....E. Street.....About 24th Dec. Freight or Passage.

LONDON.....Sumatra.....T. Wicken.....About 29th Dec. Freight or Passage.

* (Passing through the Inland Sea). † (See Special Advertisement).

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. [5]

THE CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager.

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [36]
DOYEN & CO'S

EXTRA QUALITY, EXTRA DRY CHAMPAGNE.

VINTAGE 1898.

One of the very finest CHAMPAGNES now offering in any market.

Sole Agents

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,
FINE MERCHANTS,
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON & GLASGOW.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1898. [15]

CURRY

AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

D. C. L.

OLD TOM AND DRY GIN.

87 PER DOZ.

H. PRICE & Co.,

Sole Agents.

W. POWELL & CO

NEW STOCK OF

CHRISTMAS TOYS.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1898. [1]

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, FOR THE

UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LD., LONDON,

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT. MANUFACTURERS OF THE

BEST QUALITIES OF ASBESTOS GOODS AND PACKINGS. HYDRAULIC AND SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds. "VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities. ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT.....THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., General Agents.

PETER SYS' WONDERFUL SPECIFIC.

THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for SPRUE, DYSENTERY, DIARRHŒA, HEMORRHOGE and ULCERATION of the BOWELS.

Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession. Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesale by

THE PETER SYS COMPANY, (Proprietors and Sole Manufacturers), 9, Old China Street, Shanghai.

12th October, 1898. [1242]

PEAK HOTEL.

1350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminus. FINE HEALTHY LOCATION. Commanding Magnificent View of the City and Harbour, the Mainland of China, and numerous Islands. Cool southerly breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-East winds in winter.

Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine. J. MARCESSE, Chef de Cuisine.

CRAIGIEBURN is now open, for terms apply to

CITY OFFICE, 7, Duddell Street. MANAGER, PEAK HOTEL. [28]

THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF

WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic. Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER

FLETCHER & CO. and CARMICHAEL & CO.

FERNAND QUEENARDEL CHAMPAGNE.

CUVÉE RÉSERVÉE.

EXTRA DRY 1893 VINTAGE

FIRST QUALITY ONLY.

14] Sole Agents:—WATKINS & CO.

ROBERTSON SANDERSON & Co., LIMITED.

LEITH.

CELEBRATED SCOTCH WHISKIES.

"GLENLEITH" BRAND Per Case, \$10
"SECOND TO NONE" 12
"MOUNTAIN DEW" 12
LIQUEUR WHISKY 15

All the above brands we guarantee to be pure Malt Whiskies. The differences in price are regulated by the age of the Whisky. The "Second to None," "Mountain Dew" and Liqueur Whisky are all over ten years old.

SOLE-AGENTS FOR HONGKONG AND SOUTHERN PORTS OF CHINA.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD., THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1898. [661]

EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES

FROM THE WELL KNOWN MANUFACTURERS

ANGLO EGYPTIAN CIGARETTE CO., CAIRO.

BRANDS: SULTANS, PACHAS, UNEQUALLED AIR TIGHT HERMETICALLY SEALED TINS.

Price per tin: 100 \$2.00, 100 \$2.50.

W. BREWER & CO., UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 12th October, 1898. [1223]

Intimations.

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at NOON TO-MORROW and WEDNESDAY, the 20th and 21st instant, respectively:

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, T. E. SANSON, Manager.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, G. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, J. THURBURN, Manager.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, J. G. F. AUGUSTIN, Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG, E. L. HUNTER, Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, CHOH, Agent.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1479]

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at NOON TO-MORROW and WEDNESDAY, the 20th and 21st instant, respectively:

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD., General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

W. J. SAUNDERS, Acting Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.

W. H. PERCIVAL, Agent.

NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. RAY, Secretary.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., Agents.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

G. J. M. L. CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. T. DAVIS, Manager.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1466]

VICTORIA REGATTA.

TO-MORROW, 20th, and WEDNESDAY, 21st December.

CAPTAIN BOWLAND having kindly lent the Victoria Recreation Club the British ship Kensington as Flagship, the Committee request the pleasure of the Company of the LADIES of Hongkong on Board on the occasion of the ANNUAL REGATTA.

Through the courtesy of the Chief Manager of the DOCK COMPANY, the Fame will convey passengers to the Flagship each day, leaving the NEW PEDDERS WHARF at 12.30 P.M., and 1 P.M., and returning to minutes after the last Race.

Admission to the Flagship, 5s each day.

A Portion of the Flagship will be reserved for Ladies and their Friends.

TICKETS of Admission may be obtained from the STEWARD, Victoria Recreation Club, or on board.

By kind permission of Colonel RETALLICK and the Officers, the BAND of the Hongkong Regiment will perform each day.

The Ladies' Prize will be presented by Miss BLACK, on board the Flagship, on the first day of the Regatta.

W. S. BAILEY, Acting Hon. Secretary.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1489]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

has long taken the lead in SIMPLIFYING the CONDITIONS and LIBERALISING the CONTRACT OF LIFE ASSURANCE, thereby given greatly increased Security to the Holders of the Company's Policies.

For full Particulars and Rates, Apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1895. [743]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [18]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1894. [30]

Today's
Advertisements.ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 525, E.C.

ALL MASTER MASONS are invited to attend the DISTRICT GRAND LODGE MEETING, to be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at 8 for 8.30 P.M., to MEET His Excellency Right Worshipful Brother Sir H. A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G., Past District Grand Master of Jamaica.

By Command, of the W.M.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1493]

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

MEMBERS of the CONGREGATION at ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, who have not yet subscribed to the CATHEDRAL FUND, are invited to send their subscriptions for the current year to the Undersigned. Will they kindly do so before the 31st instant.

T. JACKSON,
Hon. Treasurer.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1492]

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 26th and 27th inst., respectively, and on MONDAY, the 2nd Jan., 1899.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.

W. J. SAUNDERS,
Acting Secretary,
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LD.

W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent,
NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.

SHAW, TOMES & Co.,
Agents,
YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION,
LIMITED.

G. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary,
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. T. DAVIS,
Manager,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1491]

THE MUTUAL STORES.
LIPTON'S DELICIOUS CAKES IN FANCY
BOXES.

JUST THE THING FOR CHRISTMAS.

LIPTON'S STILTON CHEESE
LIPTON'S CELEBRATED BISCUITS.Today's
Advertisements.

A CONCERT

WILL BE GIVEN IN THE
ST. GEORGE'S HALL,
ON

THURSDAY, the 22nd December,

at 9.30 P.M.

THE HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES
SOCIETY.

PROGRAMME:

PART I.

1. Song—"An Old Garden" Hope Temple.

2. Song—"Unless" Luigi Caracciolo.

3. Recitation—"The Postman's Story" Harding.

4. Song—"La Serenata" F. Paolo Tosti.

5. Song—"Ritornelle" Chaminade.

Mr. C. H. Grace.

PART II.

1. Song—"When the Heart is Young" Dudley Buck.

2. Song—"I'll sing these Songs" Clay.

3. Piano Solo—"Des Abends" Schumann.

4. Song—"Fair is my Love" Hatton.

5. Song—"For the Sake of the Past" Tino Mattie.

Miss Gaspar.

There will be a Special Translated quarter of an hour after the close of the Performance.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,

Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1490]

N. R.

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 23rd instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [1489]

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

Will produce a Pantomime entitled,

"THE YELLOW DWARF."

or

"HARLEQUIN THE KNAVE OF HEARTS,"

and the

FAIR PRINCESS.

On the following dates:—

THURSDAY, 20th January, 1899.

SATURDAY, 22nd

MONDAY, 24th

WEDNESDAY, 26th

The TICKET OFFICE at the Theatre will be OPENED on THURSDAY, the 22nd Dec: at 10 A.M. and Seats can be booked from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. every day; SUNDAYS and GENERAL HOLIDAYS excepted.

E. W. MITCHELL,

Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1898. [1440]

Entertainment.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A.—THORNE'S BLEND, White

Capsule \$10.80

B.—WATSON'S GLENORCHY

MELLOW BLEND, Blue

Capsule, with Name

and Trade Mark 10.50

C.—WATSON'S ABOLOUR

GLENLIVET, Red Cap-

sule, with name and

Trade Mark 12.00

D.—WATSON'S H.K.D. BLEND

OF THE FINEST SCOTCH

MALT WHISKIES, Vi-

olet Capsule 14.40

E.—WATSON'S VERY OLD LI-

QUOR SCOTCH WHISKY,

Gold Capsule 15.00

THORNE'S BLEND and WATSON'S

GLENORCHY are high class Soda

Whiskies, of greater age than most

brands in the market.

ABOLOUR-GLENLIVET is a very old

Peat Whisky, (smoky) and could not

now be replaced in stock at the price.

D is well known for its fine

flavour.

E is of superb quality and pro-

moted by leading local connois-

seurs to be the best brand in the

Hongkong market.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

DEATHS.

On the 11th Nov. at Heidelberg, after a protracted illness, Mr. JULIUS KRAMER, partner of Messrs. Arnold, Karberg, and Co., China, and connected with that firm for thirty-one years, aged 52 years.

On the 13th Nov. at Penge, MARY, widow of George Holmes, late of Hongkong, aged 57. At 4, Love Lane, Shanghai, on the 12th of December, 1898, EDMUND HENRY LAYERS, aged 61 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Peking and Tientsin Times of the 10th instant gives a few more particulars of the Russian position in Manchuria to which our Tientsin correspondent referred in his letter of the 6th instant which we published on Friday last. It is difficult, says our contemporary, to form any correct estimate of the numbers of the Russian troops as they are scattered in small detachments over such a large area. Thus 5,000 artillery are stated to be at Vladivostok; 1 battalion at Hulan, to the east of Moukden; 1 battalion at Sansin; 2 battalions near the Sungari River and so on. All the roads from Moukden to Peking are said to be strongly guarded by Cossacks, and all the troops in Manchuria are equipped and provisioned for a long march, in a southerly direction. Where no roads, or only bad roads exist, they are being created, repaired or widened as the case demands.

Our contemporary goes on to say that the Chinese troops massed at Shan-hai-kwan are reported to be there for the express purpose of repelling any attempt at an invasion either by Russia or any other foreign Power and that a general impression is abroad amongst the troops that the order will presently be given to arise and smite the foreigners and drive them bodily into the sea. We do not for a moment suppose that the Empress Dowager would be foolish enough to attempt any such suicidal action, but at the same time, if such a belief has gained ground amongst the Chinese it may lead to trouble. The Empress Dowager appears to be preparing for some grand coup, if all reports from the north are to be credited, for men are being enlisted right and left and arms and ammunition are being purchased on a large scale. What it all means it is difficult to say, but it may be that the Empress Dowager sees further into the designs of Russia than most folks give her credit for and that these preparations are intended to be for purposes of defence.

As we have seen by the news from Shanghai during the last week or so with regard to the French movements at Nanking the Chinese are making as brave a show as ever they did previous to the war with Japan of their readiness to stand up and fight with conviction of their own overwhelming superiority to the hated foreigner and, although we should have no doubt as to the result of a war with China undertaken by any one of the European Powers interested in Far Eastern affairs, it is evident that China has not taken to heart the lesson of her war with Japan but has either forgotten it or shelved the matter as unworthy of consideration. With affairs in their present unsettled state, with rumours of possible action in one direction or another constantly in the air, we are growing too ready to regard all warnings as a cry of "wolf" and as our Tientsin correspondent pointed out the other day, we may shortly awake to find that matters have developed in a surprising manner during the period of apparent repose.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

SIR WILLIAM HARCOURT'S RESIGNATION.

LONDON, December 16th.
Sir William Harcourt in two additional letters says, he hopes to serve his party as an independent member and that the situation rendered his resignation indispensable.

THE NIGER CONVENTION.
A protocol has been signed in Paris extending (Semester 7) the term for the ratification of the Niger Convention.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 18 at 11.55 a.m. The barometer is highest on the China coast. Pressure is highest on Central China, and a depression seems to be situated in the N. part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients slight on the coast, moderate in the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST:—E. N. winds, moderate or light; fine.

On the 19th at 11.45 a.m.: The barometer has risen in the extreme North, and is high elsewhere. Pressure appears to be still in defect over N. China with high pressure lying between S. China and Loochoo. Gradients slight on the coast, moderate in the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST:—moderate N.E. winds; fine.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Money Order Office will be closed 1 p.m. on the 20th and 21st inst.

The sale of leasehold property advertised tomorrow has been countermanded.

A FINE of \$15 was to-day imposed on master of a junk for neglecting to "show light" after nightfall.

A NUMBER of opium cases were to-day brought before Capt. Hastings and fines ranging from \$40 to \$150 were inflicted.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Subadar Major Feroz Khan, of the Hongkong Regiment, to be his Honorary Aide-de-Camp.

THE matter of a boat-carrying cargo and passengers without going through the formalities of a licence was to-day fined \$50 default six weeks.

H. M. S. Waterwitch has arrived from the north and will, we hear, make a short stay here before resuming her surveying duties.

SERGEANT Langley, of Hongkong, presented 13 gamblers to the Magistrate to-day. Two were fined \$7 or twenty-eight days and the others were fined \$1 or seven days.

A CHINESE aged 19 was to-day charged with stealing a ring from a woman. After evidence had been taken the boy was discharged and the complainant was fined \$15 or one month and one of the witnesses \$5 or 14 days for giving false evidence.

IN accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of Ordinance 6 of 1875, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Tuesday, the 27th December, and Monday, the 2nd January, to be observed as Public Holidays in substitution for Christmas Day and New Year's Day respectively.

WITH reference to Government Notification No. 566 of the 10th instant, His Excellency the Governor has been further pleased to appoint Arathoon Seth, Barrister-at-Law, to be Acting Registrar of Companies with effect from the 15th instant, during the absence of J. W. Norton Kyshe, or until further notice.

THERE will be a Hockey Match to-morrow, 20th inst., at 4.30 p.m. sharp on the Club Ground. Club v. Royal Artillery. The following will play for the Club:—Messrs. Cox, Gerrard, Kozharar, Leithbridge, Lloyd, Morrill, Morrell, Parker, Pinckney, Riddle, Wodehouse. The Club play the Maxims on Thursday, the 22nd inst.

TWO men were committed for trial at the Magistrate to-day for attempting to bribe Sanitary Inspector Cotton. It seems that the prisoners had landed a sheepskin from the Colony yesterday while the animal was suffering from diarrhoea and \$1 was given to Cotton in order to obtain permission to have the animal killed in the Slaughter House.

THE dust-mixing "coolie" was strongly in evidence to-day on the Lower Albert Road, near the entrance to Glenalee. There was no wind but the clouds of dust sent up by the brooms of the sweepers made the vicinity something fearful for chair passengers and pedestrians. "Can't the powers that be have this largely-used thoroughfare watered?"

It is reported that missionaries of various denominations have recently been menaced in several districts of Hupoh, province, and the Viceroy Chang Chih-tung has been so impressed with the necessity of taking steps to prevent trouble that he has despatched special officers and troops to the threatened districts to maintain order and protect the foreigners.

It is reported that the Viceroy Liu Kun-yih has sent telegraphic orders to Wang, the Admiral of the Yangtze, enjoining upon him the necessity for increased and constant vigilance, especially around such strategic points as Kiangsu, the French, and the Chinese, such as the seizure of some important position. Consequently Wang has gathered all the ancient craft of the Nanyang Squadron about him and is very busy at make-believe preparations to fight to the death if called upon to do so.

It may not perhaps be known that there are now, or in process of erection, no less than seven factories for the making of smokeless powder in this country, viz.:—Wuchang, Nanking, Shanghai, Soochow, Hangchow, Canton, and Foochow. It is officially estimated that by the summer of 1899 these factories will be able to turn out about 50,000 cwt. of smokeless powder per month, and that at the present date of writing the government has ready for immediate use over two million smokeless powder cartridges, one half of which were imported from Europe.—M. G. D. News.

THE weather at Taku has been perfect, a light S.W. wind and a temperature ranging from 39 to 47 Fahr. On the 9th the steamers *Hainchi* and *Pingshan* were at the wharf, and some twenty vessels outside waiting for lighters.

Both import and export cargo have to be lightered as there is only 9 feet on the bar. In the N.W. Reach there are 9 feet 6 inches reported. A collision of a very slight nature occurred between the steamers *Lienching* and *Wuhu*. They were both bound out and following closely; whilst on the bar the latter stuck and was consequently run into. The starboard anchor of the *Lienching* caught on the port quarter of the *Wuhu* and tore away a davit. As the anchor was firmly hooked on board the *Wuhu*, Captain Purkis unhooked his cable and both proceeded over the bar, thereby saving the tide. The buoys were replaced by spar-buoys on the 8th.—M. G. D. News.

THE POST OFFICE.

We have received the following for publication:—Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th December, 1898.

Sir,—(With reference to previous correspondence regarding the General Post Office, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acquaint you for the information of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce that the Secretary of State was requested by His Excellency the Officer lately administering the Government to appoint an experienced officer of the Post Office in Great Britain to fill the vacancy in the post of Assistant Postmaster General occurring this month by the retirement on pension of Mr. C. Stelfox Northcote, with a view to securing efficiency in the working of the Hongkong Office.

Under these circumstances Sir Henry A. Blake does not see that any advantage will be gained by appointing a Committee of inquiry and instructs me to state that in the meantime everything that can be done will be done to prevent the recurrence of such irregularities as have been the cause of complaint by your Chamber.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

R. Chatterton Wilcox, Esq., Secretary, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT
SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the above society was held at the City Hall at noon to-day.

There was a small attendance, the members of the committee predominating. Mr. T. Jackson read the report and added a few remarks relative to the beneficial work done by the Society during the past year. He proposed the adoption of the report and accounts coupling with it a vote of thanks for those who assisted the Society. Mr. Jackson spoke in a very quiet voice and was scarcely audible so far as the representatives of the Press were concerned.

Rev. Mr. Cobbold seconded. He said the work of this Society was, done, from the beginning in a very quiet way. Its very quietness had been, he thought, the means of its great success. There was a system of organised begging in which certain people, knowing that there was a Society through which they could get support, thought that they were worse off than they really were and imposed on the Society for relief. The natural way to meet such organised begging was by organised relief, and that was a better method than the figures that there had been a great amount of relief and also an amount of refusals because they knew that in instances "people came to them who were in no real need of relief. He thought that it was only reasonable that the public should be asked to subscribe more liberally to the funds of the Society.

The following ladies who formed the Committee during the past year, were re-elected:—Mrs. Bell-Irving, Lady Carington, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Master and Mrs. Hawkins. The Committee was strengthened by the election of Mrs. Hook.

CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS.

It is safe to say that there is no place in Hongkong that makes a better landmark than the establishment of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. Just now their spacious shop is transformed into a perfect Aladdin's cave, filled with all the choicest things in the way of French and English sweets, Xmas cards, perfumery, &c. They have a very fine collection of cut glass perfume bottles in white and rose and gold, and in toilet appliances for ladies and gentlemen they have an admirable selection. The chocolates, from the well-known house of Cadbury, are put up in most dainty and artistic boxes that make them at once useful and ornamental. The wares are made by the firm are known all over the world, "from China to Peru" in fact, and Messrs. Watson & Co. should have a brisk and busy time during the festive season.

THE MUTUAL STORES.

Through only a new corner here the Mutual Stores give every indication of being what in sporting parlance is called a "stayer." At present business is carried on in Pottinger Street, near the Pinya, but shortly premises will be taken at Queen's Road. The store has a large and well assorted stock of grocery goods, preserves, sweets, hams, bacon and all the other "food" things that one looks for at Xmas time and the stock of Xmas cards is really well worth inspection.

ROYAL ENGINEER VARIETY CLUB.

The members of the above Club gave another of their very successful and well-attended musical evenings at the Victoria Theatre, on the 17th inst. The programme was a very good one, and the execution was of a high order. The sketch put on was the same as last week but the variety turns were altered and rather improved. Corpl. Ward, after the Orchestra had given a fine selection of popular choruses, came on and sang in his usual humorous manner a song entitled "Staring me in the face" and for an encore gave "I happened to be there." In the second half Corpl. Ward sang the "Beefeater" in which he made a decided hit both in the "get-up" and the patter which he introduced into the song. For an encore he gave "After the Day" the "Pit of the Medicals" gave "It is hard to say Good-bye" in the first half and the "Star of Bethlehem" in the second; the latter song suits his voice and style and the audience very much wanted to hear him again but time would not permit. Corpl. Simmers the well known bass singer, gave "Anchored" and "Jolly Bohemian Boy" and as the latter has a good catchy chorus the audience had an opportunity of displaying their vocal capabilities. Mr. Sydney gave "Home Sweet Home" arranged by Henry Farmer for the occasion, and while he was playing the proverbial pin might have been heard to drop, so intent was everybody not to miss a single note of the sweet strains. Corpl. Williams was the "lion" of the evening and had to sing three times before he was allowed to leave the stage and then it was only for a very short time, as he had introduced a new laughable sketch, entitled "The Smart Boy" in which he took the title part, being ably assisted by Messrs. Fritz, George and Carter. Any person studying cookery would do well to avail themselves of the opportunity offered next Monday and go and learn how not to make custard. Messrs. Fitz George and Carter afterwards obliged with banjo solos which were highly appreciated by everybody. Messrs. Welmshurst and McConnell finished the variety turns with a duet composed by themselves called "The Unknown Lancers." The Sketch was the same as last week and so needs no further remarks.

ANOTHER FIRE IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, December 13th.

A somewhat serious fire, rendered additionally grave by certain suspicious circumstances was reported to the Police yesterday. It occurred in an opium shop, 802, Fuhkien Road at four o'clock in the morning and quickly spread to the adjoining buildings, until with the arrival of the brigade no less than three houses inhabited by Chinese were in flames. Curiously enough the fire was confined to the upper stories and in a comparatively short space of time five houses in Fuhkien Road and three in Pakhoi Road were practically destroyed and several others seriously damaged. The origin of the fire is proved to be the result of a careless negligence. In the upper storey a charcoal fire or stove, as is used for preparing opium for the smoker was left lighted, and it is surmised that some of the amber dropped out and ignited the rotten timber floor. Happening at the time it did the fire naturally obtained a firm hold before it was discovered, the consequence being that considerable damage was done. The house where the fire broke out was insured for \$15,000 in the Phoenix, whilst the other buildings (the whole being owned by Mr. David Sassoon) were covered by insurance in the same office. The occupier of 802, Fuhkien Road, was arrested and charged at the Mixed Court later in the day with wilfully setting fire to his dwelling. Formal evidence only was taken and he was remanded in custody for Monday. The Commercial Union Insurance Co. yesterday was fined \$100 or three weeks imprisonment for his carelessness.—M. G. D. News.

MUSICAL TOPICS.

Is our local Philharmonic Society really defunct? It seems that as the European population, and hence the musical population of the Colony, increases, the tendency to combine in choruses, or in orchestra, or in the interests of music or musical proceedings, decreases. There is a flaw somewhere, and undoubtedly that flaw is a social one rather than one of want of musical enthusiasm. There are, and we do not speak unknowingly, scores of ladies and gentlemen with good voices, and a fairly good knowledge of music, in our midst, who would eagerly become members of the Philharmonic Society were they sure of receiving due welcome; but, in the first place, would the Philharmonic Society, as it is now constituted, even think of inviting, any napper of the Royal Engineers to swell their ranks? And granted that they were not averse to this, and that the said napper actually became a member of the chorus, would he not be looked down upon, and made to feel uncomfortable, however good his voice or musical attainments? And yet, as before remarked, there are, to take one single instance by way of example, in the Royal Engineers stationed in Hongkong, ten pers and non-commissioned officers, with voices, both tenor, baritone, and bass, equally as good, and in many cases better, than many a voice in the Philharmonic Society of the past four years. Added to which they possess no mean knowledge of the rudiments of music.

The question often arises, why do not these ladies and gentlemen, who are considered musically unfit to belong to the select Philharmonic, form themselves into a Choral Union of some kind? There are several difficulties in the way, and one, hard to surmount, is the want of a suitable hall or room in the Colony, where such a choral union could meet for practice. True, there is an accommodation enough in the City Hall, but it would prove terribly expensive, unless the cost were divided among a large number of members.

As long as there are clishchy folks in Hongkong there will never be any really successful Musical Society here, successful in period of existence, successful in combination, successful in numbers, or financially successful. And why should this be? There are clishchy people in other parts of the British Empire, and yet their musical societies flourish. Throughout the length and breadth of Wales—the great stronghold of part-singing—from Rhyl to Cardiff, every town, however small and insignificant, can boast its Choral Society, in which the mixer takes his dinner at noon, with the aristocrat who dines at seven. Small towns boast of choirs numbering from 250 to 300 picked voices—choirs that have existed for scores of years, and are now as popular as ever. There it is considered an honour and a privilege to become a member of a Choral Society; in Hongkong, among the select few who have for the past three or four years formed the Philharmonic Society, it is more or less a condescension to give up the Peak, or over from Kowloon, to come down to the Philharmonic rehearsal. No wonder that the Hongkong Choral Society, from time to time, re-formed, re-adjusted, and re-constructed, flashes out brilliantly under a new title for a short season, and then lies dormant until some individual, imbued with a superhuman amount of musical energy, brings about its resurrection only to result in the usual failure. Hongkong may boast of better "choirs" than Singapore or the "Model Settlement" at cricket on their own ground; but they are, unfortunately, a very long way behind either of the above places in the matter of a Choral Society, or even in musical matters in general.

There should be no complaint without an attempt at remedy; and what remedy would suffice to place the Philharmonic Society upon a sound permanent footing? There is certainly no lack of talent in the Colony, and it is decidedly proved during the Jubilee celebrations of 1897, when a choir of considerable numerical strength combined with musical power of no mean order, sang the "Hallelujah chorus" at the Happy Valley. Why could not the Philharmonic Society be re-constituted on the lines of the "Jubilee choir," adopting the same plan of sectional rehearsals, and inviting publicly everyone with a knowledge (however slight) of music, and even the shadow of a voice, irrespective of profession, rank, or position to become members? These preliminary practices would tend forcibly to reduce the social friction to a minimum, and would probably create a healthy and ambitious competition among the various detached choirs. No difficulty, I am sure, would be experienced in obtaining permission to hold such rehearsals in the various Clubs and halls so kindly placed at the disposal of the Jubilee choir.

Next comes the question of music. Part-songs, glees, madrigals, and easy operatic choruses, with a few of the less elaborate choruses from the oratorios, would be a good selection to choose from. After one or two of the simpler cantatas, such as Thomas Anderson's "Wreck of the Hesperus," Felicia David's "Desert," Gade's "Erling's Daughter," or Macfarren's "Outward Bound," would be found extremely suitable and effective. No choir, however excellent, should sneer at part-songs, one of our greatest English conductors, Henry Leslie has thought it no disdain to conduct a choir of 600 selected voices in such glees as Barnby's "Sweet and Low" and Stevens' "Clock-tower Towers."

Correspondence suggesting improvements in the constitution of our local Philharmonic, or advocating the formation of a new Choral Society, upon some sound and attractive basis, is invited, and should be addressed to the undersigned, care of the "Hongkong Telegraph." Due consideration shall be given to all such correspondence in these columns, and should anything approaching a lively interest be shown in the matter, the result will be all that can be desired.

From Singapore comes the programme of another successful Choral and Orchestral concert by the Philharmonic Society, in the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 29th. The choir numbering upwards of fifty voices, under the conductorship of Mr. W. G. St. Clair, rendered the part songs "Would you ask my Heart" (Pinsuti), "Lullaby" (Barnby), "The Bull of the Weaver" (Hutton), the madrigal "Sing a Joyous Roundelay" (Barnby), and the Dramatic Scene "Liberty" (Eaton Fanning). The last-named item is written for Chorus and Orchestra,

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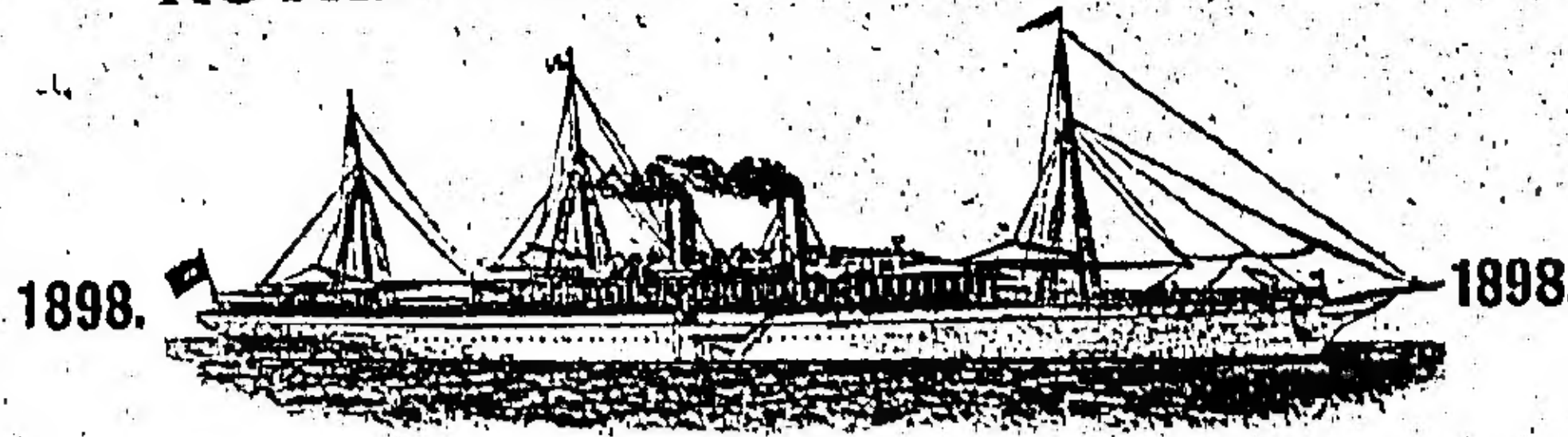
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